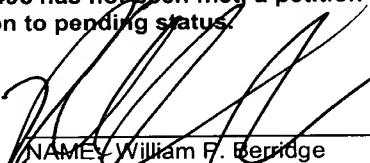


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TITLE OF INVENTION DIAGNOSIS OF WHIPPLE'S DISEASE		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 26, 1999 RECEIVED JUN 11 2003 TECH CENTER 1600/2900
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Docket No.: 110530

Filed: September 24, 2001

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REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on September 20, 2001, and was accorded U.S. Serial No. 09/936,921 as evidenced by the Notification of Missing Requirements' dated March 15, 2002 and August 30, 2002. Applicants filed a Response to the Notification of Missing Requirements' on May 15, 2002, and October 30, 2002, respectively. However, Applicants to date have not received an Official Filing Receipt.

Applicants hereby request that an Official Filing Receipt be promptly forwarded to Applicants' representative.

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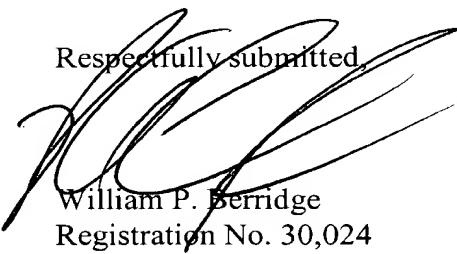
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The Corrected Assignment, indicating the date and reel and frame numbers of recordation, has not yet been returned. It is respectfully requested that the corrected recorded Assignment be immediately returned to the attorneys of record at the address set forth below.

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